

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

PMCV 2026-2027 Match Rules

**Respiratory and Sleep Medicine New
Advanced Trainees Match**



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General Rules

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA RESPIRATORY/SLEEP ADVANCED TRAINING IN 2027 CENTRAL APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

There is a central appointment process for Respiratory Advanced Trainees in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) will conduct this process on behalf of Victorian and Tasmanian Respiratory and Sleep Department in 2026 for 2027 positions. All potential candidates must register via the PMCV website for participation in the match.

CONTACT

Administration/other enquiries: lungsleepmatch@gmail.com
PMCV computer Matching Service: allocations@pmcv.com.au

TRAINING PROGRAM

Throughout the three-year Advanced Training program, successful candidates will be guaranteed 24-months of core respiratory training. It is not guaranteed they will complete 12 months of sleep training. The Respiratory Heads of Department across Victoria and Tasmania support trainees to complete 24-months of core respiratory training, regardless of an interrupted training schedule. This means that trainees can re-enter the match, on more than two occasions for circumstances of planned approved leave, such as parental leave, or due to part time training.

Only positions obtained through the formal match process can be prospectively counted towards the two years of core respiratory training required for fellowship in Respiratory Medicine. Although looked upon favorably, any prior respiratory medicine experience in positions obtained outside of the match process cannot be counted towards core respiratory training.

HOW TO APPLY AND PROCESS

Please read this document carefully, as it is updated yearly and contains important information regarding the match process.

Positions are advertised on the PMCV computer matching website. Important dates are listed below, and all dates are listed on the PMCV website. Applications for all Advanced Training positions in Respiratory and Sleep Medicine must be completed using the computer matching website via PMCV.

Candidates should note that they are also required to email a copy of their personal CV to Emma Barker, Specialty Group Coordinator at lungsleepmatch@gmail.com. It is the responsibility of the candidate to forward this onto Emma Barker for Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Training positions.

Once applications close, candidates will be ranked based on a panel scoring the CVs and references. The top-ranking candidates will be invited to participate in an interview with a representative from each hospital that offers Respiratory and Sleep Medicine training in Victoria and Tasmania. The interview will involve a case-based discussion and a series of questions.

KEY DATES

Monday 6 th July	Match opens for: • Registration • Applications • Nomination of health service preferences
Thursday 30 th July	Match closes for: • Registration • Applications
Monday 10 th August	Match closes for: • Delete/reorder preferences (existing preferences only) • Withdrawal from the match
Thursday 3 rd September	Offers Published • Results of match available to trainees and health services

RESPIRATORY/SLEEP ADVANCED TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

All listed health services recruiting Advanced Respiratory/Sleep Trainees will utilise the PMCV Respiratory/Sleep Advanced Trainee Match. The following hospitals are participating in the 2026 New Trainee Match. Advanced Trainees are typically employed by the relevant health service.

Victoria

- Bendigo Health
- Eastern Health (Box Hill)
- Grampians Health (Ballarat)
- The Royal Melbourne
- Northern Health
- Peninsula Health (Frankston)

Tasmania

- Royal Hobart Hospital

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEW TRAINEES IN 2026:

Health Service	New Trainee Match Positions
Bendigo Health	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x1
Eastern Health	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x1
Grampians Health	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x1
Northern Health	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x2
Peninsula Health	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x1
Royal Melbourne Hospital	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x1
Royal Hobart Hospital	12 Months Respiratory Medicine x2
Total Positions	9

1. Match Model

The following health services are available for candidates to preference:

Victoria

- Bendigo Health
- Eastern Health (Box Hill)
- Grampians Health (Ballarat)
- The Royal Melbourne
- Northern Health
- Peninsula Health (Frankston)

Tasmania

- Royal Hobart Hospital

The training selection process is competitive, and merit based. Both candidates and health services rank their preferences as part of the Match process. In accordance with the allocation and placement procedures, the preferences of candidates are considered with reference to where a candidate is ranked by a health service. It is not permissible for candidates or health services to divulge their preferences / rankings to another party.

All health services participating in this Match abide by the allocations and placement service code of conduct as detailed on our web site [PMCV Allocation and Placement Service](#), and must utilise the PMCV Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Allocation and Placement Service. They may not go outside the service for the appointment of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine registrars.

2. Candidates Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for selection as a Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Trainee undertaking clinical training with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), an applicant must meet the requirements described below.

It is a condition of the match that if successful, an applicant MUST accept the position offered.

Please think carefully before applying, as you may be matched outside metropolitan Melbourne or to Tasmania.

If you meet the Eligibility Criteria for Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Training, you can enter the match.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESPIRATORY/SLEEP ADVANCED TRAINING

To be eligible to apply for selection as a Respiratory/Sleep Advanced Trainee, an applicant must meet the requirements described:

- The match is open to current first core year Victorian and Tasmanian trainees.
- The trainee must be registered with the RACP and have successfully completed Basic Physician Training written exam.
- Interstate applicants are eligible to participate in the New Trainee Match.
- Trainees who are not successful in passing their clinical examination will not be eligible and must withdraw from the New Trainee Match.
- Trainees will not be eligible to apply for the match if they have been unsuccessful in 3 previous interviews.
- Trainees will not be eligible to apply for the match if they have completed specialty training in a field other than General Medicine.
- Successfully shortlisted applicants must be available to attend an in-person interview on Friday 21st August 2026 at RACP Offices on Bourke St in Melbourne CBD.
- If an applicant cannot attend the in-person interview due to extenuating circumstances, or for example, an interstate or country rotation, an online interview will be offered and arranged instead.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All personal information submitted by candidates including their application, CV and referee reports will be accepted as private and confidential information. In submitting that information, the candidate consents for their application, CV and referee reports to be made available to the Health Services which the candidate has nominated on their Candidate Preference List and to the members of the relevant interview panel specifically for the purpose of the Central Appointments Process only.

3. 2026 Match Process

All participating health services have agreed to participate in the Victorian state-wide selection process, with no health services permitted to go outside the match.

Candidates may apply to as many health services as they like.

- The match will be conducted by the PMCV using the Gale-Shapley algorithm.
- Schedule of Dates/Timeline is available on the PMCV website.
- Candidates will preference positions first, then Heads of Department, (please note, Heads of Department will be able to see whether candidates have preferenced the position, but not the candidate's ranking).
- Trainees are not required to preference all positions, however, are encouraged to preference all positions that they would rather be matched to than unmatched.

- Heads of Department will rank shortlisted candidates that preferenced their position and attended an interview.
- The results of the match will be considered final.
- All hospitals are required to offer their position to the matched trainee and all matched trainees are required to accept the position offered.

MEET AND GREETES

It is appreciated that prospective trainees are keen to meet and discuss positions with the Respiratory Medicine Heads of Department, however, please be advised that due to the growing number of candidates applying to the program, this cannot be accommodated outside of the formal interview process. The Respiratory Medicine Head of Department at your local hospital will be able to provide general guidance, as well as the RACP website for information regarding training requirements.

CANDIDATE PREFERENCE LIST (CPL)

Candidates will be able to add all available positions to their preferences on the Allocation and Placement Service platform until 5pm on 30th July 2026. Candidates will be able to re-order existing positions on their CPL until 5pm on 10th August 2026.

Health Services will have access to information only from candidates that apply to them via the PMCV allocation and placement service.

Both candidates and Health Services will rank their preferences prior to the match. In accordance with the allocation and placement process, the preference of candidates will be considered with reference to where a candidate is ranked by a Health Service. Candidates must complete an application through the APS (Allocation and Placement Service) website prior to the closing date. Any incomplete application will not be considered.

SCORING CRITERIA

An independent committee will review applications and score CVs based on experience in certain fields. These are specific to the 2026 application process and may change year-to-year. The categories considered for the 2026 Respiratory and Sleep Medicine New Advanced Trainee Match are as follows:

- Clinical Experience
- Research
- Other Achievements: please provide examples of PhD, post-graduate degrees, leadership, volunteer work, overseas work, extra-curricular activities.
- References: at least one respiratory reference is preferred, however excellent references from other specialty groups are still valuable.
- Specialty preference

INTERVIEW

Emma Barker, the Coordinator for Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Training Selection Match, organizes interviews after the shortlisting process is completed. Candidates will be notified of their application result via email on Friday 14th August 2026. Structured interviews will be held in-person on Friday 21st August 2026 at RACP Offices on Bourke St in Melbourne CBD.

4. Match Results

Successful applicants will be contacted by phone by the hospital Head of Department or delegate, after a valid match has been declared. If the successful applicant declines a job offer at that hospital, they will be out of the match and the next highest applicant who missed selection initially will be offered that position.

Health services and candidates will be able to access their match results via log in to the Allocation and Placement Service.

The PMCV will supply the coordinator the complete match results.

IMPORTANT: Only one offer will be made to each successful candidate.

Applicants who decline that offer will NOT be offered any other position within the network.

Matched Applicants: Computer Matching results are available to candidates and Health Service administrators via the PMCV computer matching website from 10.00am on Thursday 3rd September 2026. Matched candidates will receive an email from the PMCV advising them that they have been offered a position through the match and should check the details on the PMCV website.

Letters of appointment are made to successful applicants by the relevant institution.

Overall ranking will not be available to candidates.

Applicants who are not offered a position in the initial round of offers may be contacted if positions become vacant or if new positions are created if they scored sufficiently well as to be considered suitable for employment in a Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Training position.

5. Unmatched Candidates

Unmatched applicants will receive an email from the PMCV, as well as Emma Barker (Specialty Group Coordinator), advising them that they have not been offered a position through the match.

Unmatched applicants are advised to contact their supervisor or Head of Department for further information.

A list of unmatched candidates will remain on a ranked list and will be notified should a suitable position become available.

A list of all unmatched candidates will be supplied with contact details by the PMCV to health services that have unmatched positions.

If positions remain unfilled at the conclusion of the match, those positions can only be filled from the pool of unmatched candidates. If matched positions are declined after the conclusion of the match those positions can only be filled from the pool of unmatched candidates. Health services with unmatched positions will be responsible for directly contacting unmatched candidates.

If positions are not able to be filled by suitable applicants within this network, interstate Network Training Coordinators will be contacted, to ascertain whether suitable candidates remain without positions.

Should there be no remaining candidates assessed as suitable to enter Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Training, an attempt will be made to fill remaining positions with non-training house officers.

Please note: Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Advanced Registrar positions which become available during any year due to unforeseen circumstances (such as parental leave or resignation of a registrar already in the training program) may occur outside the PMCV matching service.

6. Application of Business Rules

These business rules apply only to the 2026 Respiratory and Sleep Medicine New Advanced Trainees Match.

Privacy and Confidentiality

All personal information submitted by candidates including their application, CV, referee reports and current supervisor's reports will be accepted as private and confidential information.

In submitting that information the candidate consents for their application, CV and referee reports to be made available to the health services which the candidate has nominated on their Candidate Preference List and to the members of the relevant interview panel specifically for the purpose of the Central Appointments Process only.